



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Sheriff
Fire Chief

At its meeting held March 8, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

“On June 22, 2004, the Board passed an ordinance amending the County Code Title 11 - Health and Safety - Chapter 11.64 - Smoking, to ban smoking on public beaches exclusive of public parking areas, in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. The ordinance was to be effective until September 16, 2004; thereafter to be repealed on January 1, 2005.

“Secondary smoke is recognized as a hazard to the health and safety of the general public. Cigarette and cigar butts constitute a source of environmental pollution and a health hazard to children playing on public beaches.

“Los Angeles City and the cities of Malibu and Santa Monica have adopted permanent no smoking bans on their beaches. Manhattan Beach and the State of California are considering the adoption of permanent no smoking bans for their beaches as well. Restrictions on smoking at neighboring beaches could lead to greater concentrations of smokers on County beaches where this restriction is not in effect.”

Stan Wisniewski, Director of Beaches and Harbors addressed the Board.

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board introduce an ordinance to make permanent subsection G of Section 11.64.030 of Title 11 – Health and Safety, Chapter 11.064 – Smoking, of the Los Angeles County Code relating to smoking on public beaches.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“I remain concerned about the enforcement of the smoking ban at both Mother’s and Topanga beaches.

“Although enforcement of this ordinance is under the Sheriff Department’s jurisdiction as is the enforcement of all laws in the unincorporated areas, I am confident that the general public will be going to our lifeguards to enforce the no smoking ordinance. This has the possibility of distracting our lifeguards from their primary focus of water safety.

“While the reports that I have seen to date indicate that overall this ordinance has been of minimal impact to the lifeguards, I would like this monitored and to have additional staffing added, if necessary, should enforcement of this permanent ban become burdensome.”

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s motion be amended to request the Sheriff and Fire Chief to report back in nine months on its enforcement activities of this ordinance. Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Knabe’s amendment.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, was unanimously carried.

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After discussion of the item, Supervisor Molina acknowledged the following persons who were present and in support of the permanent ban on smoking at public beaches located within the unincorporated County areas:

Robert Donin representing Tri-Pac Health and Wellness Advocacy
Robert Berger representing the Los Angeles County Smoke-Free Beach Task Force
Eric Batch representing the American Heart Association
Jessica Stefan representing Surfrider Foundation/Malibu Chapter
Sonya Vasquez representing Girls Club of Los Angeles
Martin Barrera-Martinez representing the American Cancer Society
David R. Pruitt representing the Los Angeles County Medical Association
Steven Gallegos and Lori Ludlow interested members of the public

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Beaches and Harbors
Director of Health Services

(ALSO SEE BOARD ORDER NO. 47 THIS DATE)